



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

## State of Texas

### Amtrak-Texas partnership

- Grants from the State of Texas help support the daily *Heartland Flyer* service between Fort Worth and Oklahoma City
- Over 105,000 Texas residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one state-supported train, the *Heartland Flyer* (daily Fort Worth-Gainesville-Oklahoma City) and two National Network trains through Texas:

- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles via Houston, San Antonio, and El Paso)\*
- The *Texas Eagle* (daily Chicago-Dallas-San Antonio with tri-weekly through car service via the *Sunset Limited* to Los Angeles)

\* *Sunset Limited service suspended east of New Orleans.*

During FY15 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Alpine</a>	4,969
<a href="#">Austin</a>	33,195
<a href="#">Beaumont</a>	3,265
<a href="#">Cleburne</a>	3,612
<a href="#">Dallas</a>	45,132
<a href="#">Del Rio</a>	1,960
<a href="#">El Paso</a>	13,915
<a href="#">Fort Worth</a>	109,507
<a href="#">Gainesville</a>	7,132
<a href="#">Houston</a>	20,620
<a href="#">Longview</a>	32,278
<a href="#">Marshall</a>	9,390

<a href="#">McGregor</a>	4,834
<a href="#">Mineola</a>	6,423
<a href="#">San Antonio</a>	55,627
<a href="#">San Marcos</a>	7,568
<a href="#">Sanderson</a>	316
<a href="#">Taylor</a>	4,798
<a href="#">Temple</a>	16,023
<b>Total Texas Station Usage:</b>	<b>380,564</b>

(down 8.6% from FY14)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$35,573,998 on goods and services in Texas in FY15. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Austin	\$ 1,899,978
Dallas	\$ 22,060,253
Fort Worth	\$ 2,554,649
Grand Prairie	\$ 1,124,131
Houston	\$ 1,177,222
Southlake	\$ 2,511,775

### Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 194 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$16,465,891 during FY15.

### PRIIA Section 209 and State-Supported Services

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432) required, by October 2013, an equitable arrangement of cost sharing between Amtrak and state or public agency partners that provide funding for short-distance, intercity train services. Agreements were reached with all parties, including Texas, by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

The Texas Transportation Commission voted in September 2006 to begin contributing a part of the operating grant for the Fort Worth-Oklahoma City *Heartland Flyer*. The State of Oklahoma also contributes to this service.

### Station Improvements

**Longview:** The city acquired the former Texas & Pacific Railway station from the previous owner, the Union Pacific Railroad, for restoration. On May 10, 2014, the completed, \$2.8-million project was dedicated and Amtrak moved back into the original waiting room and ticket office. The rest of the

building is used for city offices and meeting space. The station was built in 1940. For many years, the Amtrak waiting room and ticket office were in a walled-in, former porch area on the west end of the building, which also has been restored to its original form.

### **Infrastructure Improvements**

- The U.S. Department of Transportation announced on September 1, 2011, a \$34 million TIGER II grant for improvements to rail lines in and around Tower 55 in Fort Worth. The project is expected to greatly improve rail and street traffic flow in the area, where two busy freight lines currently intersect at grade. The *Texas Eagle* backs in and out of the Fort Worth station through Tower 55. The project will begin construction in early 2014 and has matching grants from Texas DOT (\$1 million), City of Fort Worth (\$1 million), BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad (\$65 million).
- A rerouting of the *Texas Eagle* between Fort Worth and Dallas, over tracks owned by the Trinity Railway Express, has been proposed. The change may occur in 2016, and would allow Amtrak to eliminate backing through Tower 55 (see above).

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN TEXAS

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
<span style="color: purple;">█</span> Amtrak	<span style="color: green;">█</span> NS
<span style="color: orange;">█</span> UP	<span style="color: lightgreen;">█</span> CP
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> BNSF	<span style="color: purple;">█</span> CN
<span style="color: red;">█</span> CSX	<span style="color: black;">█</span> Other

